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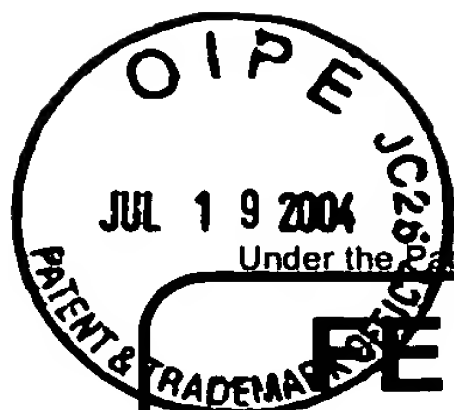
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For: APPARATUS AND REACTOR FOR	) Examiner: Jennifer A. LEUNG
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Documents A through F identified on form PTO/SB/08A are cited in the International Search Report, dated September 9, 2000, from the Japanese Patent Office. The relevance of these references is believed to be clear from the International Search Report. A copy of the International Search Report is provided herewith. The International Search Report is identified as Document I on form PTO/SB/08B.

Documents G and H identified on form PTO/SB/08A correspond to the subject matter shown in Figures 5 and 6, respectfully, of the present application. The subject matter of Documents G and H pertain to earlier developed reactors that were disclosed to the

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Japanese Patent Office. However, these references cannot be construed as "prior art" against the claims of the present application because the present application claims priority back to 1999, and Documents G and H were not published until June 20, 2000.

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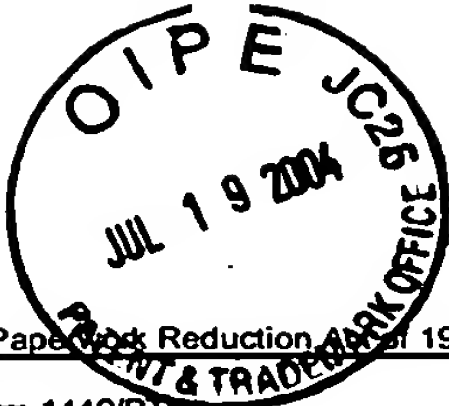
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